

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re the application of:

Satoru Bushida *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/484,424

Examiner: I. Gioacchino

Filed: 01/18/00

Group Art Unit: 2828

For: APPARATUS FOR LOCKING BENDING  
MECHANISMS THAT BENDS REFLEX  
TYPE WAVELENGTH SELECTION ELEMENT

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**PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Honorable Commissioner  
of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 24, 2002

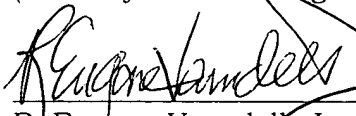
Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136, applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time for filing a response to the Official action mailed August 26, 2002. The Official action mailed August 26, 2002, set forth a three-month period for response. Accordingly, this petition for a one-month extension of time extends the period of response to December 26, 2002.

A check in the amount of the ONE HUNDRED TEN DOLLARS (\$110) is attached hereto for payment of this extension of time.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee therefor, as well as any deficiency in the payment of the required fee(s) or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 22-0256.

Respectfully submitted,  
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